

I. AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 26 of the specification as follows.

--Plasmid DNA was isolated from a transformant using the conventional method (Peters-Wendisch et al., 1998, Microbiology, 144, 915-927), cut with the restriction endonucleases EcoRI and XbaI and the plasmid was verified by subsequent agarose gel electrophoresis. The resultant strain was named DSM715/pXT-dapCexp and has been deposited as DSM 13254 (on January 20, 2000) with Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen [(DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany)] (DSMZ GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124, Braunschweig, Germany).--